

REMARKS

Claims 1-22 are pending in the present application. Claims 1-22 have been rejected, and claims 5-10 and 16-21 have been objected to for using indefinite and vague claim language. By this amendment, claims 5-10 and 16-21 have been amended to clarify the subject matter. However, claims 1-22 are still at issue in this application.

CLAIM REJECTIONS – 35 U.S.C. §103

In paragraph three of the Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 1, 4-10, 12 and 15-21 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,540,136 to Ross et al. (“Ross”), in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,206,284 to Do et al. (“Do”).

The Examiner states that it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to employ the door as taught by Do to the ATM of Ross, resulting in an invention similar to the claimed invention, and over which the claimed invention would have no patentable distinction. Applicant respectfully traverses this rejection.

Applicant traverses the Examiner’s suggestion that the automated teller machine (ATM) taught by the Ross is similar to the one in the claimed invention. First, the Examiner suggests that Ross teaches an ATM comprising a front keypad having a front screen in which the front screen is operable via the front keypad, and an operator panel equipped with a rear keypad having a rear screen. However, Ross states that the operator panel (26) is “mounted inside the ATM (not available to a customer)” (col. 2, lines 49-50). In claim 1, Applicant claims “a miniature automated teller machine, comprising a housing having a front keypad having a front screen and a rear keypad having a rear screen, wherein the rear screen allows an operator of the machine to perform management functions.” Also, in claim 12, Applicant claims “a wall-mounted miniature automated teller machine, the machine comprising a unitary housing having a front portion and a rear portion... the front portion further having a front keypad including a front screen, the rear portion having a rear keypad including a rear screen, wherein the rear screen allows an operator of the machine to perform management functions.” However, Ross states that the operator panel (including a keypad, a display screen, and a

printer) is mounted inside the machine, while the operator keypad and screen are in the rear of the machine in the claimed invention.

Second, in claim 1, Applicant claims "a miniature automated teller machine, comprising a housing having a front keypad having a front screen attached to the front keypad, and a rear keypad having a rear screen attached to the rear keypad, wherein the rear screen allows an operator of the machine to perform management functions." Similarly, in claim 12, Applicant claims "a wall-mounted miniature automated teller machine, the machine comprising a unitary housing having a front portion and a rear portion... the front portion further having a front keypad including a front screen, the rear portion having a rear keypad including a rear screen, wherein the rear screen allows an operator of the machine to perform management functions." On the contrary, Ross does not establish a connection between the user keypad and the user screen, or a connection between the operator keypad and the operator screen (see Figs. 1 and 2). Therefore, Applicant submits that claim 1 and claim 12 are patentably distinct and are neither taught by nor suggested by Ross.

Claims 4-10 depend from independent claim 1 and thereby require all the limitations of that claim. For the reasons stated above with respect to claim 1, these claims are patentably distinct and are neither taught by nor suggested by any of the reference cited by the Examiner.

Claims 15-21 depend from independent claim 12 and thereby require all the limitations of that claim. For the reasons stated above with respect to claim 12, these claims are patentably distinct and are neither taught by nor suggested by any of the reference cited by the Examiner.

In paragraph four of the Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 2, 3, 13, and 14 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Ross modified by Do, and further in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,328,206 to Schanz et al. ("Schanz"). In claim 1, Applicant claims "a miniature automated teller machine, comprising a housing having a front keypad having a front screen and a rear keypad having a rear screen, wherein the rear screen allows an operator of the machine to perform management functions." Also, in claim 12, Applicant claims "a wall-mounted miniature automated teller machine, the

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Claims 2 and 3 depend from independent claim 1 and thereby require all the limitations of that claim. For the reasons stated above with respect to claim 1, these claims are patentably distinct and are neither taught by nor suggested by any of the reference cited by the Examiner.

Claims 13 and 14 depend from independent claim 12 and thereby require all the limitations of that claim. For the reasons stated above with respect to claim 12, these claims are patentably distinct and are neither taught by nor suggested by any of the reference cited by the Examiner.

In paragraph five of the Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 11 and 22 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Ross modified by Do, and further in

view of U.S. Patent No. 6,508,397 to Do. In claim 1, Applicant claims "a miniature automated teller machine, comprising a housing having a front keypad having a front screen and a rear keypad having a rear screen, wherein the rear screen allows an operator of the machine to perform management functions." Also, in claim 12, Applicant claims "a wall-mounted miniature automated teller machine, the machine comprising a unitary housing having a front portion and a rear portion... the front portion further having a front keypad including a front screen, the rear portion having a rear keypad including a rear screen, wherein the rear screen allows an operator of the machine to perform management functions." However, Ross states that the operator panel (including a keypad, a display screen, and a printer) (26) is "mounted inside the ATM (not available to a customer)" (col. 2, lines 49-50), while the operator keypad and screen are in the rear of the machine in the claimed invention.

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Claim 11 depends from independent claim 1 and thereby requires all the limitations of that claim. For the reasons stated above with respect to claim 1, this claim is patentably distinct and is neither taught by nor suggested by any of the reference cited by the Examiner.


Claim 22 depends from independent claim 12 and thereby requires all the limitations of that claim. For the reasons stated above with respect to claim 12, this claim is patentably distinct and is neither taught by nor suggested by any of the reference cited by the Examiner.

CONCLUSION

In view of the above remarks, Applicant submits that the claimed invention is in condition for allowance and respectfully request an early notice of the same. Applicant's attorney invites the Examiner to call the undersigned if any issues can be resolved through a telephone conference.

Respectfully submitted,

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